



Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

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- **Information from Division Director Dr. James Glass-**

New Policy to Encourage Submission of Archaeological Reports Under State Plans

To facilitate receipt of reports as stipulated in approved state plans for archaeological investigations, the Indiana DHPA has instituted a new policy to encourage the timely submission of reports and archaeological site forms into SHAARD. The Indiana DHPA is now tracking required archaeological products for each new state plan that is approved by the division under IC 14-21-1. Staff members will record the date that each report is due, and document notifications and contacts with the archaeologist responsible for producing the report. Thirty (30) days before the due date, a DHPA staff member will notify the responsible archaeologist with a reminder. If a report is not submitted on the appropriate date, the DHPA will follow up with the responsible Principal Investigator again to obtain a report, or work out a plan for compliance.

The Indiana DHPA hopes that the new policy will encourage archaeologists conducting investigations under approved state plans to submit reports within the required time frames. All qualified practitioners and researchers obviously benefit when reports are submitted in a timely manner. Records checks are more complete and authoritative if all investigations conducted to date are documented through reports that are accessible at the DHPA and eventually through SHAARD.

If anyone has any questions about our new policy, please contact Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist at 317-232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov.

- **Opportunity for Giving-** Do you know someone who is difficult to buy for around the holiday season? If they appreciate Indiana's cultural heritage, why not consider a voluntary contribution, in their name, to our state's Archeology Preservation Trust Fund? The statute (IC 14-21-1-34) that created the Fund provides that the

division may conduct a program with this fund to assist private homeowners who have accidentally discovered an artifact, a burial object, or human remains and who need assistance to comply with an approved plan to excavate or secure the site from further disturbance. For further information, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2764.htm> and http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-FallWinter_2009.pdf and <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2764.htm>.



- **Information for Qualified Professional archaeologists from our Records Check Coordinator-** We recently developed a new e-mail address, DHPArecordscheck@dnr.IN.gov, as a way of directing all DHPA records check requests into one mailbox that is easy to remember, convenient, and efficient for users. Please send all future requests, including those for archaeological site numbers, to DHPArecordscheck@dnr.IN.gov, or if you prefer, you may schedule an appointment by calling Rachel Sharkey at (317) 234-5254.
- **Outreach in Johnson County-** DHPA Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams was invited to speak on Indiana archaeology at the Masonic Home Office in Franklin. On November 23rd, she shared information about the early peoples of Indiana, specifically in the Johnson County area, as well as outreach opportunities and state statutes protecting our cultural resources.
- **Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service-** On November 17th, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator Amy Johnson, participated in the Elementary Social Studies Teacher In-Service at the Nappanee Public Library. The event was coordinated by Ball State University's Department of History. Ms. Johnson discussed archaeological resources and opportunities for the elementary classroom setting.
- **Outreach in Boone County-** On November 15th, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams gave a presentation on state statutes regarding Indiana archaeology and cemeteries at the Boone County Genealogical Society meeting. The members of the society were very enthusiastic and inquisitive. As we all know, preservation of archaeological sites and cemeteries happens most at the local level. Cathy shares that "it was a pleasure to be the speaker as we all work together to preserve our past."



- **Archaeologist of the month**- Dr. John R. McGregor, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Indiana State University, has contributed valuable information to the archaeology of our state through historical geography and the study of historic industrial sites. State Archaeologist Dr. Jones (Jones 1997:12) described Dr. McGregor as “a pioneer” in the study of urban and industrial sites. Especially in the 1980s, McGregor recorded rural, industrial and business sites in the southwestern portion of Indiana. The types of information, and the interpretation of that data, recorded by him continue to be essential to archaeologists today. To learn more about his work, go to:
http://geography.uwo.ca/research/great_lakes_geographer/GLG_volume8/McGregor_Cline.pdf and http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/abstracts/89/mcgregor_89.html.
- **Long term service**- As of November 25, 2011 Amy Johnson, Senior Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, has completed twenty years of full time service to the State of Indiana and specifically the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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**THE INDIANA DIVISION
OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
AND ARCHAEOLOGY:**

- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database